

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 33-42 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 13-32 (group II) have been elected in accordance with the restriction requirement mailed on April 24, 2003, in connection with the parent application Appl. No. 10/186,375. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application in light of this amendment is respectfully requested.

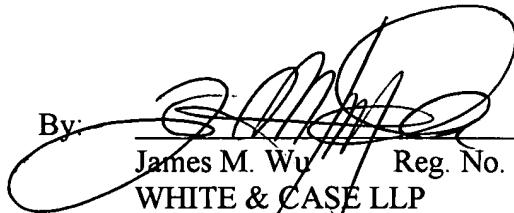
CONCLUSION

Based on the above amendment, Applicants believe all claims now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges related to this preliminary amendment, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge to White & Case LLP Deposit Account 23-1703. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully examining the present application and if a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jim Wu at (650) 213-0300.

Respectfully submitted,

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